

AT OUTS ON TASKS FOR EXTRA SESSION

Democratic Prohibition, Military Compulsion and Suffrage Advocates Cause Discord.

GET PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

Leaders Told by Senator James

What Legislation Administration Desires.

Trouble has developed in connection with the efforts of Democratic leaders to reach an understanding as to the measures to be considered at the extra session of Congress, which President Wilson has summoned to meet April 16.

In view of the uncertainties of the German situation and his inability to tell in advance whether any war measures are going to be needed, the President did not specify the particular objects for which he wanted the session assembled. Informally, however, he has indicated to the Democratic leaders what he thinks should comprise the legislative program.

Through Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, who is regarded as the President's mouthpiece on the "steering committee" of the Senate, Mr. Wilson is understood to have approved certain lines of legislative activity.

What President Desires.

The following is the Administration program:

The appropriation bills which failed of passage in the closing hours of the short session. Those bills are the army appropriation bill, the sundry civil appropriation bill, and the urgent deficiency bill.

The armed neutrality bill, which was killed by filibuster.

The numerous anti-spy bills urged by the Department of Justice as means to combat German intrigues known to be on foot.

The Webb bill, permitting American exporters to maintain co-operative foreign selling agencies abroad.

The bill to increase the size of the Interstate Commerce Commission; and

Ratification by the Senate of the Colombian treaty.

Prohibitionists Displeased.

While this is the program that is agreeable to a majority of the leaders, it has failed to win the endorsement of the prohibition leaders, the advocates of universal military training, or the sponsors of the proposed woman suffrage amendment, each of which groups is clamoring for action on its respective "cause."

In view of the strong possibility of war with Germany, it is probable that many of the leaders would be willing to include universal training in the program but for the certainty that the proponents of woman suffrage and nation-wide prohibition would then be more than ever insistent that they be given recognition.

Under the tentative program the extra session, if war did not develop in the meantime, could be brought to a close by the Democratic leaders, as by July 1. Should there be war, however, it is realized all agreements that might now be made would be called off. Congress would then probably insist on remaining in session, and it is assumed that the President and the country would want it in session to pass needed war measures.

Armed Neutrality Indorsement.

The President's prime object in calling the extra session was, of course, to insure the passage of the three appropriation bills, without which the Government would be extremely embarrassed the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1.

As regards the armed neutrality legislation, any action which Congress might now take would be in the nature of an indorsement of steps now being taken by the President to arm American merchant ships. In his announcement Saturday the President made it plain that he no longer regarded this legislation as necessary, having convinced himself that he already had all the authority he needed to arm the ships. At the same time it is thought probable he would be glad to have Congressional indorsement of his action.

The fact that the program only includes that part of the Administration's railroad legislation which provides for an increase in the Interstate Commerce Commission would indicate an abandonment by the President of his original proposal to prohibit strikes by law.

Germany and Colombia.

Disclosures which have been made regarding the German plot to destroy the Panama canal in the event of war between the United States and Germany have served to emphasize the earnestness of President Wilson's recent appeal in behalf of the Colombian treaty.

On that occasion he observed significantly that at the present time, of all times, the United States needs the friendship of Colombia and other Latin-American countries. In other words, the Administration apparently believes that unless Colombia is at least paid the \$25,000,000 and the "apology" she has demanded as a bribe for the Panama coup, she may further German schemes to blow up the canal.

The "spy bills"—eighteen in number—fell by the wayside along with the mass of other bills that piled up in the legislative chute in the closing hours of the last session. Without their enactment, the Department of Justice insists, it is without power to cope with the German plots.

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